LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1.   (currently amended) A computer system comprising:

~~at least one client computer;~~

at least one host computer, ~~the client computer and host computer utilizing a common~~ operatively coupled to a physical disk storage medium, the physical <u>disk</u> storage medium <u>being partitioned into a plurality of sections, each section being associated with and utilized by a different client computer, at least one of the sections</u> storing an operating system for booting ~~the~~ <u>at least one of the</u> client <u>computers, and the host computer including a drive configuration program for allocating the plurality of sections and restricting access to each section by the different client computers</u>; and

~~first~~<u>at least one client computer in communication with the host computer and including</u> software ~~stored on said client~~ for causing said client<u> computer</u>, upon initialization, to load said operating system, boot ~~said client,~~ and ~~cause said client to~~ direct requests for disk access through said host computer.

2.   (currently amended) The computer system of claim 1<u>,</u> wherein said ~~first,~~ software causes said client <u>computer</u> to load a driver ~~onto said client, and wherein said driver~~ <u>that</u> directs requests for disk access from said client <u>computer</u> through said host<u> computer</u>.

3.   (currently amended) The computer system of claim 2<u>,</u> wherein said ~~first~~ software comprises code stored in nonvolatile storage for causing a loader to load from said<u> physical disk</u> storage medium onto said client<u> computer</u>, and wherein said loader then causes said at least one driver to load onto said client.

4.   (canceled)

5.   (currently amended) The<u> computer</u> system of claim 2<u>,</u> wherein ~~said host computer comprises a drive configuration program for allocating~~ <u>each of a plurality of the</u> sections of said physical <u>disk</u> storage medium ~~to each~~ store<u>s</u> an operating system for use by a ~~separate~~<u>respective one of the</u> client computer<u>s</u>.

6.   (canceled)

7.   (currently amended) A method of booting a diskless computer, comprising the steps of:

directing ~~storing, in memory of said diskless computer, code sufficient to redirect~~ a command to load an operating system loader _from a diskless computer_ to a ~~physical storage medium of a second~~ host computer, the host computer being operatively coupled to a physical storage medium that is partitioned into a plurality of sections, each section being associated with and utilized by a different client computer, at least of one of the sections storing an operating system for booting at least one of the client computers, and the host computer including a drive configuration program for allocating the plurality of sections and restricting access to each section by the different client computers; and

initializing the diskless computer ~~upon initialization, executing said stored code~~ in order to obtain ~~an~~ the operating system loader from said _physical_ storage medium.

8.   (currently amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of loading drivers onto said diskless computer to cause subsequent requests for disk access to be redirected over a bus to said ~~second~~host computer.

9.   (currently amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step _of_ installing plural diskless computers within a cabinet to communicate over a common bus.~~, and reserving a portion of said storage medium for each of said diskless computers~~.

10.   (canceled)

11.   (currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein said ~~second~~host computer and said diskless computer operate using different operating systems.

12.   (currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein said ~~second~~host computer and said diskless computer operate using a common operating system.

13-19. (canceled)